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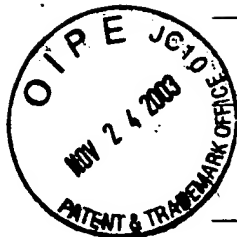
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**PATENT**  
**Case No. 659/1605 (15,993)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

James H. Wang et al.

Serial No.: 09/595,672

Filed: June 19, 2000

For: METHOD OF MAKING BLENDS OF  
POLY(VINYL ALCOHOL) AND  
POLY(ETHYLENE OXIDE)

Examiner: Marie L. Reddick

Group Art Unit: 1713

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450 – Mail Stop AF  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated  
**October 9, 2003** of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-11, 14, 17-24.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).
2. ☒ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
3. ☒ Fee \$330.00 Other than a Small Entity  
☒ Enclosed  
☐ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)  
☐ Charge to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (One additional copy of this Notice enclosed herewith)  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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